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As a kid growing-up on East New York Street, my dad walked to Howe High School and rode the bus to Indianapolis Indians games at Bush Stadium. In the 1950s, his neighborhood was filled with hard working families.

Recently, I walked through his old neighborhood. Today, hardworking families still live on East New York Street. However, the sidewalks are crumbling. The streets have not been paved in years. And, Howe High School graduates just over 50% of its students. Unfortunately, the investments in downtown and the airport have not been matched by investments that build vibrant neighborhoods.

The financial challenges posed by the CIB threaten our ability to build a city that works for all of us. The Mayor of Indianapolis must provide leadership to solve the financial challenges confronting Indianapolis. Some of my thoughts for resolving the CIB mess include:

- Putting ownership of Lucas Oil and the Convention Center back under the city of Indianapolis;
- Reimbursing Indianapolis for the financing costs incurred because of Governor Daniels and Senator Kenley's political gamesmanship;
- Making the owners, coaches, players and fans of Lucas and the conventioners and participants of the Convention Center responsible for paying for the facility they use;
- Returning more of the taxes generated by the Convention Center and Lucas Oil to the city;
- Creating and funding programs consistent with the mission of the CIB which was established in 1969 to promote "civic well being".

The solutions to Indianapolis' financial problems are not easy. They will require ingenuity, clarity of purpose and deliberate action – in short, leadership. For the last 15 years, my leadership skills have been honed building companies and aiding the civic organizations that support Indianapolis.

I will continue to attend club meetings to become better acquainted with you. I welcome the opportunity to visit with you in person and encourage you to visit my websites, www.williamsformayor.com and www.brianswilliams.com, to learn more about me.

Sincerely,

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